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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S VISIT TO PRC
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1. SUMMARY: BOUMEDIENE'S 5-DAY VISIT TO PRC WAS PROBABLY DECIDED DURING PLANNING FOR HIS ATTENDANCE AT ISLAMIC SUMMIT. IMPORTANT POINTS OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE, SO FAR AS ALGERIANS CONCERNED, WERE ENDORSEMENT OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AND SUPPORT FOR ITS MIDDLE EAST, MEDITERRANEAN AND AFRICAN POSITIONS. CHINESE MAY HAVE MADE BOUMEDIENE MORE CONFRONTATION-MINDED AS FAR AS SPECIAL SESSION AND RELATIONS WITH INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD. END SUMMARY.

2. WE BELIEVE PLANNING FOR PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S VISIT TO PRC STARTED EARLY FEBRUARY, WHEN HE BEGAN TO FOCUS ON INVITATION TO ATTEND ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN LAHORE. IT MADE GOOD SENSE LOGISTICALLY FOR HIM AND TOP LEVEL ALGERIAN DELEGATION WHICH ACCOMPANIED HIM TO LAHORE TO
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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LONG-STANDING CHINESE INVITATION AT

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THIS TIME AND ALSO TO VISIT PYONG YANG AND HANOI. IT
ALSO MADE SENSE POLITICALLY SINCE VISIT WOULD AFFORD
BOUMEDIENE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN SUPPORT OF PRC FOR UNGA
SPECIAL SESSION AND TO DISCUSS TACTICS. THIRDLY,
BOUMEDIENE ADMIRES PRC LEADERSHIP AS AMONG WORLD'S FEW
TRUE REVOLUTIONARIES AND HAS WANTED TO VISIT CHINA FOR
A LONG TIME.

3. LOCAL NEWS MEDIA HAVE GIVEN HEAVY, PROPAGANDISTIC AND
UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO VISIT AND TO CURRENT
EXCELLENT SINO-ALGERIAN RELATIONS. HIGHLIGHTS OF FIVE-DAY
VISIT (FEB. 25-MARCH 2) INCLUDED CALL ON MAO, TWO
POLITICAL SESSIONS INVOLVING ALGERIAN DELEGATION FOLLOWED
BY FOUR-HOUR CHOU EN LAI-BOUMEDIENE TETE-A-TETE, MEETING
WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK AND VISITS TO SHANGHAI, GREAT WALL,
SIXTH ARMORED DIVISION AND UNIVERSITY OF PEKING.

3. REPLYING TO CHOU'S TOAST FEBRUARY 26, BOUMEDIENE
DESCRIBED ALGERIA'S CURRENT POLICIES AT LENGTH. HE
SAID (EXCERPTS):

(A) IN OUR ERA, FUNDAMENTAL CONTRADICTION EXISTS
BETWEEN AGGRESSIVE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND UNSHAKABLE
DESIRE OF THIRD WORLD FOR LIBERATION...ANY EFFORT TOWARD
JUST AND DURABLE INTERNATIONAL EQUILIBRIUM WILL BE IN
VAIN UNLESS IT PRESUPPOSES AT OUTSET A TRUE DESIRE TO
ADJUST EQUITABLY RELATIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES AND THIRD WORLD...COUNTRIES OF THIRD WORLD HAVE
DECIDED TO RECUPERATE THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, VALUE THEM
THEMSELVES AND ESTABLISH A NEW JUST WORLD EQUILIBRIUM
WHICH WOULD PERMIT HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ALL NATIONS.
THIRD WORLD WILL NOT PAY PRICE OF MONETARY CRISIS BROUGHT
ON BY MECHANISMS OF CONSUMER SOCIETIES.

(B) REORGANIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS AND PROBLEM OF
DISARMAMENT WERE AMONG CONCERNS OF LAST NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT.
NON-ALIGNED STATES JUSTLY BELIEVE THAT ONLY A WORLD WIDE
CONFERENCE CAN RESOLVE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM. SUCH A
CONFERENCE WOULD AIM NOT ONLY AT DESTRUCTION OF ALL
NUCLEAR ARMS AND PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR TESTS, BUT ALSO
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AT RESOLVING PROBLEM OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AT LEAST BY
LIMITING THEM.

(C) ATTEMPT MADE AT WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH CARTEL TO
CONTROL SOURCES OF ENERGY AND LATER PRIMARY MATERIALS OF
THIRD WORLD CAN ONLY END IN EXACERBATING CONTRADICTIONS
BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED NATIONS. MOREOVER,
INTEREST OF EUROPE IS NOT TO PLACE ITS ECONOMY UNDER

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CONTROL OF GIANT AMERICAN MONOPOLIES.

(D) WE BELIEVE THAT SPECIAL UNGA SESSION, WHICH IS BEING CONVOKED AT OUR INITIATIVE, CAN BE APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK FOR FERTILE CONFRONTATION OF POINTS OF VIEW AND FOR DEFINITION OF NEW RULES FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES.

(E) WE ARE PLEASED WITH EVOLUTION OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS TOWARD DETENTE, AND VIEW IT AS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN STRENGTHENING PEACE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF WORLD.

5. FINAL COMMUNIQUE, AS REF (B) POINTS OUT, CONTAINS NO MENTION OF EAST-WEST DETENTE OR COMPLETE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, BUT THESE WERE NOT ALGERIAN OBJECTIVES. IMPORTANT POINTS AS FAR AS ALGERIANS WERE CONCERNED INCLUDED ENDORSEMENT OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON PRIMARY MATERIALS, SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION OF OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND SUPPORT FOR EXPULSION OF NON-MEDITERRANEAN POWERS FROM MEDITERRANEAN. FACT IS CHINESE AND ALGERIANS HAVE SIMILAR OUTLOOK ON MANY WORLD ISSUES. ALGERIANS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE LONG HELD TO CHINESE VIEW THAT ESSENTIAL WORLD DIVISION IS BETWEEN DEVELOPED (IMPERIALIST) AND UNDEVELOPED NATIONS AS OPPOSED TO SOVIET FORMULA OF THIRD WORLD AND SOCIALIST STATES VS. IMPERIALIST (WESTERN) STATES, SO IT IS NOT SUPRISING THAT THIS THEME WAS PLAYED HEAVILY. IT MAY BE THAT CHINESE HAVE MOVED BOUMEDIENE MORE TOWARD VIEW THAT CONFRONTATION WITH INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD IS BOTH NECESSARY AND INEVITABLE THAN HE HAS BEEN IN PAST; IF SO, IT WILL BECOME EVIDENT SOON ENOUGH. THERE IS NO PUBLIC INDICATION AS YET THAT ALGERIANS EITHER ASKED FOR OR RECEIVED ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE
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